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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17, as follows:

Turning to the construction of the lens 12, the lens 12 including the liner interface 42 is formed using conventional methods commonly known in the art, such as injection molding. For example, thermoplastic molding of a commercially available sufficiently transparent, non-brittle and lightweight polymer resin, such as a polypropylene or acrylic blend can be utilized. After molding, the goggles can be conveyed through ionized air to reduce static attraction of dust and dirt prior to dip coating with an abrasion resistant, anti-fog or tinted material 62-commonly known in the art. More preferably, the selected resin produces an abrasion resistant, anti-fog and reflective or slightly tinted lens 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 8, as follows:

In the illustrated embodiment, the self-fastening mechanism 70 includes hook and loop patches 80,82 that are affixed to the straps 16 and able to interconnect when brought to bear against one another. The hook and loop patches 80,82 present a total grab strength along a contact plane that is sufficient to withstand the anticipated shearing stresses encountered along the plane during normal use. Most preferably, where the straps 16 are each presented as one discontinuous band, the loop patch 82 presents one continuous strip and is affixed to one surface of the strap, while the hook patch 80 is affixed to the opposite surface at one end. Where each of the straps 16 comprises two sections 66,68, the loop patch 82 coextensively covers the entire outer surface 78 of one of the sections, while the hook patch 80 is affixed to the other section on the inner surface 76 and adjacent the free end. One such hook and loop fastener is commercially available under the trademark "VELCRO" from the Velcro Industries B.V. LTD LIAB CO NETHERLANDS Castorweg 22-24 of Curacao NETHERLANDS designation "Velcro." However, other conventional means of adjustably

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fastening the strap ends, including buckles, snaps, pins, clips and a combination thereof may be utilized.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29, as follows:

Finally, conventional goggles do not address the long-felt problems associated with the inability of humans to ~~breathe~~ breathe underwater. Other conventional ~~devises~~ devices, such as snorkeling equipment, have been developed that expose underwater swimmers to ambient air conditions above the water surface. However, these ~~devises~~ devices problematically require the user to ~~breathe~~ breathe through his or her mouth and manually maintain an open airway, while swimming at a proper depth under the water surface. Other devices have also been developed that facilitate underwater nasal breathing, such as Scuba diving equipment, however, these devices are generally too expensive, complex and simply inappropriate for most residential swimming pools and at shallow coastal depths.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 21, as follows:

As best shown in FIG. 6, preferably attached to the disc 128 on the upper surface 130 and near the outer edge is a rigid conical cover 118 for preventing splashed water from entering into the open upper end 108 of the air-tube 90. The vertical centerline of the preferred cover 118 is coaxially aligned with the central opening 124 defined by the web 116. Below the upper end 108 of the air-tube 90 a plurality of legs 138 emanate from the edge of the cover 118 to a point adjacent the outer edge of the disc 128. The lowermost edge of the cover 118 presents a circular cross section having a diameter equal to the outer diameter of the disc 128 so that the legs 138 are generally vertical. The legs 138 are spaced and the cover 118 is configured to allow sufficient airflow into the upper end of the tube. More preferably, the cover 118 is attached to the disc 128 via four legs 138 spaced apart at each quadrant of the disc 128. The web 116, disc 128, and cover 118 are ~~both~~ all formed of a suitable rigid and water-insoluble material, such as plastic.